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In a word, we are looking in the wrong place. We are trying to anticipate and to outwit every conceivable hazard. We foolishly think that the right application of brains and muscles will solve every problem and avert every disaster.

But the greatest stupidity of all is the confidence we are putting in the almighty dollar. If we as individuals can just get enough dollars together, we will be secure for life. Our leaders in government seem to have just one solution to the knottiest problems arising from a war-torn world—dollars. Whether it is the trickery of communism, corrupt politics, racial prejudice, or greed for oil, somehow the magic expenditure of dollars will soothe all ills and preserve the peace. We laugh at the African pagan who brews a concoction of bitter herbs, then regards it as magic with potent powers. But how much better are we? Our

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Dean on the place of Christ. . . . .

# CHRIST at the center

by Jared F. Gerig

It was the Apostle Paul who in a few meaningful words placed Christ at the heart and center of the Christian's being. "Christ in you, the hope of glory" expresses the most pungent truth in the believer's relation to Christ. Christ in the center of personality, of experience, of life, must be recognized, served, and worshiped.

**Christ must be at the center of any soul-saving creed.** The very first emphasis of Christianity in a man's life is upon what he believes. It is commonplace that a man may make a religion out of Christianity, without directing his faith Christward. Christ must be central in any creed which saves the soul. Our Gospel is the knowledge, not of a system, but the saving knowledge of a personal Savior. Without Christ in it, you have little more than a scheme of morality, a system of religion, a form of ritual, a cold, lifeless, hopeless legalism which cannot save. Is Christ at the center of your creed? Do the chords of your heart vibrate with a living faith in a living Christ? That is of primary importance if we are to know the reality of a personal deliverance from sin.

**Christ must be at the center of any life-giving consecration.** Personal Christianity is not a creed alone; it is more than a creed, however orthodox it may be. It is not ritualism, however Scriptural; it is

not a profession, no matter how outwardly consistent. It is CHRIST IN MAN, in the center of his being, his experience, his life. It is the challenge of the Christian life that we devote ourselves to a living and divine person. It is more than allegiance to a cause, or signing a manifesto, or voting for a righteous law. It is the dedication of ourselves to a Person Who becomes the constraining force, influence, and motive for all that we do. Consecration lacks weight, and dynamic, and lasting qualities if you do not catch the difference between a holy, burning, impassioned love for Christ, and a cold, matter-of-fact course of Christian duty.

Another has well said, "I know that with consecration on the part of believers, separation from the world, disentanglement from enslaving sins, and a mighty baptism of the Holy Spirit, the church would become a conquering power in the world; not by its constructed theology, not by its Sabbath services, not by its arguments to convince the intellect, but by its simple story of Jesus' love, by the cross, God's hammer and fire." Dedication to Christ is the challenge of the hour to the church.

**Christ must be at the center of any world-evangelizing church.**

Congregations must justify their existence. If they only bring people together to be "very much pleased" and to go away with salved consciences and soothed spirits, then the lecture bureaus will contract for all of that. The church must in this desperate hour unite around Christ and His leadership in a mighty crusade to evangelize the world. "And this is the mission of the church—not civilization, but salvation, not better laws, purer legislation, social elevation, human equality, and liberty, but first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; regenerated hearts, and all other things follow." (Kittredge) The church must once more mobilize her forces to go into all the world preaching the Gospel to every creature. And let us remember that it is the Gospel of a crucified, resurrected Christ, who is not dead, but who lives to save and redeem, to lift and heal. This Christ must become the saving message and the redeeming might of our evangelism and our ministry to lost and enslaved world.

**Christ must also be at the center of any age-enduring civilization.** We hear on every hand the cries of a new world order. A new age was born out of the agonies of this

past world struggle. We can readily believe that something new has broken upon the world. We have entered a new era, but we have little faith that it shall produce the peace and prosperity, the concord and tranquillity, the brotherly and humanitarian spirit, which many long for. The reason is this: No permanent, enduring peace can be built around sinful, selfish men; nor woven into the fabric of treaties and agreements made by sinful, selfish men; nor can it be supported by governments composed of sinful, selfish men. Unless we can put Christ at the center, and enthrone Him as King of kings and Lord of lords, then we are already sowing the seed for another harvest of bloodshed and death. No stable civilization can be built upon beams which are rotten at the core. Our forefathers knew this, but this present generation has both forgotten it and ignored it.

"Christ in you, the hope of glory," expresses once more the way out. Christ was given for a purpose, that He might save men, redeem them, and make them a citizenry fit for heaven itself. Let us as individual men and women rise to enter into this new relationship with God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### TOO GOOD TO KEEP

In a wealthy residential section of Richmond, some new owners complained that the singing of a small Christian church near by disturbed them. A petition to be presented to the city council was circulated.

The solicitors brought it for signing to a Jewish resident. He read it and said, "Gentlemen, I cannot sign it. If I believed as do these Christians, that my Messiah had come, I would shout it from the housetops and on every street of Richmond, and nobody could stop me."

—Moody Monthly





- Doorways are interesting, and with the coming of spring, the stately oaks on the campus burst into new beauty and form a green arch for the doorway. Inviting! It certainly is!

The doorways to other buildings on the campus are equally inviting; see Bethany Hall at right. These doorways are more than inviting, they have a purpose . . . a dual purpose: young men and women enter to train for work as missionaries, pastors, evangelists, directors of Christian education, gospel singers, ministers of music, youth leaders, church secretaries, etc. These same young people leave to serve, all over the world.

The slogan of Fort Wayne Bible Institute is TRAINING FOR SERVICE AND SERVICE IN TRAINING. That describes the process that goes on all during one's time at school. Every week quartets, trios, soloists, both vocal and instrumental, and speakers go north, south, east and west with the gospel.





- Just before Easter, the Glee Clubs take an extended tour. One year the Girls' Glee Club goes east and the Mens' Glee Club goes west; the next year they go in the opposite direction. This year the girls will be presenting sacred concerts in Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri, while the men will be in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey.

Oliver E. Steiner, head of the music department, directs the Men's Glee Club. He will be assisted by two student directors: Gerald Gerig and Harlan Wright. Paul Van Gorkem is the accompanist. The Girls' Glee Club is directed by C. Adolph Gerber, professor of voice. The accompanist is Geraldine Gerig.

The personnel of the choruses are listed under the photos, see next page.

# Men's Glee Club



## PERSONNEL

David Craig . . . . .	Clyde, Ohio	Earle Dickinson . . .	Royal Oak, Mich.
Kenneth Culver . . . .	Pierston, Ind.	Willis Enhle . . . . .	Princeville, Ill.
Garnett Dalton . . . . .	Hamilton, O.	Eugene Folsom . . .	West Liberty, O.
William Dodway . . . .	Port Clinton, O.	Gerald Gerig . . . .	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Harland Friend . . . .	Continental, O.	John Lovejoy . . . .	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Darrell Gerig . . . . .	Auburn, Ind.	Donald Nabinger . . .	Binghamton, New York
Donovan Gerig . . . . .	Dodge City, Kans.	Gordon Neuenschwander . . . . .	Berne, Ind.
Paul Grabill . . . . .	Grabill, Ind.	Ralph Ogden . . . . .	Peoria, Ill.
DeWitte Hall . . . . .	Sinksgrove, W. Vir.	Leonard Paquay . . . .	Cleveland, O.
William Harle . . . . .	Cleveland, O.	Eugene Ponchot . . . .	Cincinnati, O.
James Johnson . . . . .	Peoria, Ill.	Donald Rohrs . . . . .	Hicksville, O.
Harry Sarver . . . . .	Sewickley, Pa.	Leroy Rusher . . . . .	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Gordon Schwab . . . . .	Rawson, O.	Laverne Steiner . . . . .	Berne, Ind.
Clifford Sprunger . . . .	Berne, Ind.	James Stilson . . . . .	Binghamton, N. Y.
John Trusdle . . . . .	Clyde, O.	Daniel Vaccarelli . . .	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Paul Van Gorkom . . . .	Monticello, Ind.	David Van Gorkom . . . .	Monticello, Ind.
Donald Young . . . . .	Clyde, O.	Harlan Wright . . . . .	Peoria, Ill.
Virgil Bixler . . . . .	Elkton, Mich.	Owen Wright . . . . .	Lima, O.
Richard Brownfield . . . .	Peoria, Ill.	Warren Wright . . . . .	Sewickley, Pa.
Ralph Castersen . . . . .	Chico, Calif.		
Nelson Chamberlin . . . .	Royal Oak, Michigan		



# Girls' Glee Club



## PERSONNEL

Marian Anderson.....	Peoria, Ill.	JoAnn McComb.....	Hamilton, Ohio
Mary Bennett.....	Swanton, Ohio	Lorna McLachlin.....	Toronto, Canada
Nila Bossard.....	Brown City, Mich.	Marolyn Martz.....	Big Rapids, Mich.
Vurla Birkey.....	Delavan, Illinois	Betty Morris.....	Muncie, Indiana
Ruth Daniel.....	Flint, Michigan	Irene North.....	Brown City, Michigan
Eloise Dawson.....	Warren, Ohio	Rosemary Riddle.....	Ligonier, Ind.
Chloetta Egly.....	Monroe, Indiana	Pauline Schmidt.....	Elbing, Kansas
Julia Erdel.....	Lafayette, Indiana	Bertie Lou Schultz.....	Elkton, Mich.
Rita Erickson.....	Chicago, Illinois	Carol Sipp.....	Hamilton, Ohio
Shirley Force.....	Altoona, Pa.	Roselyn Smith.....	Warsaw, Indiana
Jane Ford.....	Rosewood, Ohio	Amaryllis Stephenson.....	Marlette, Michigan
Geraldine Gerig.....	Fort Wayne, Ind.	June Swaback.....	Chicago, Illinois
Edith Harmon.....	Inez, Kentucky	Arlene Tucker.....	Bluffton, Indiana
Anna Hilbert.....	Fleetwood, Pa.	Lois Vollmar.....	Fort Wayne, Ind.
JoAnn Houser.....	Ensign, Kansas	Eleanor Wann.....	Harlan, Indiana
Mary Howard.....	Peoria, Illinois	Dorothy Welch.....	Bluffton, Ohio
Dolores Johnson.....	Chicago, Illinois	Marilyn Wiederkehr.....	Berne, Ind.
Carolyn Klopfenstein.....	Peoria, Ill.	Miriam Wiederkehr.....	Berne, Ind.
Joyce Lawson.....	Port Huron, Mich.	Jeanne Elaine Wedel.....	Aberdeen, Ia.
LaDonna Litzenberg.....	Woodburn, Indiana	Ruth Zimmerman.....	Grabill, Ind.
Peggy McClure.....	Wren, Ohio		

# Deity Proven

by Marie McElhone

The book of John is a book of testimonies to the deity of Jesus Christ. Witness to that fact is given from every source. Testimony is piled upon testimony until anyone who deals with the proof with honesty cannot avoid coming to the conclusion that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God.

The highest witness which John presents throughout the book is the witness of the Father. The Father's approval of the Son was given publicly the first time at his baptism. His approval was given the second time just before the crucifixion when the Father witnessed to the Son by a voice from heaven which sounded to some like a peal of thunder and to others as the voices of angels. This public approval is declared to have been given for the sake of the people, that they might believe the words of Jesus concerning His coming death for the sins of all men. Then again we see the most outstanding testimony of the Father to the deity of Christ in that He raised Him up from the dead and received Him into heaven. The testimony of God the Father alone is sufficient to stamp the claims of Jesus as absolutely true.

But John gives in his record also the testimony of Christ Himself to His deity. Again and again throughout this gospel record Jesus de-

clares Himself to be sent from the Father and to be equal with God. He made such statements as "I and my Father are one" (10:30); "I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me." (8:18); "Before Abraham was, I am." (8:58); "I am in the Father and the Father in Me; if ye had known Me ye should have known my Father also." These are only a few of the many claims that Jesus made of His divine nature. If He were a liar how could God put His stamp of approval upon such a blasphemer.

To complete the testimony of the God-head, John records for us the witness of the Spirit to the nature of Christ. The Spirit descended like a dove upon Jesus at His baptism and was with Him throughout his life and ministry. The very purpose for the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world is expressly stated to be the bearing of the testimony of Jesus Christ in the world. How complete is the testimony of the God-head to the deity of Jesus Christ!

But John does not leave us with only the testimony of God; he presents to us the testimony of men themselves. Many there were that believed on Him and testified to their faith in His claims. John the Baptist declared again and again that Jesus was the promised Messiah. The witness of Andrew, one of the first disciples to follow Jesus, was "We have found the Mes-

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siah." (1:41). Then Nathaniel testified "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God." (1:49) Peter testified, expressing the feeling of the disciples, "We believe and are sure that thou art Christ, the Son of the living God." (6:60) The Samaritans, the long-time enemies of the Jews, believed on Christ and said, "We know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world." (4:42) At Jerusalem many saw his works and believed on Him; some said "Of a truth this is the Prophet" and others said "This is the Christ." (7:40, 41) The blind man that was healed said "Lord, I believe" and he worshipped Him. (9:39) Besides these many witnesses there were the testimonies of Mary who anointed Him, of Thomas, of John, and of many others. How could the witness of such a host be denied.

Such was the testimony of His friends. But even His enemies testified to His divine nature in their efforts to prove Him false. One of the most outstanding examples of this is the words of Caiaphas the High Priest. In seeking to have Jesus destroyed he spoke one of the greatest prophetic utterances given of Christ's work on the cross. These were his words, "It is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not." (11:49-52)

Into this marvelous record of the deity of Christ, John also wove the accounts of the works of Christ which add their testimony to the truth of his claims. Seven great miracles are recorded throughout the book which present Him as the Creator, the Healer, the Sustainer, the Sovereign, the Light of the

World, and the Resurrection. Jesus appealed to the testimony of His works with these words "The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of Me. If ye believe not me, believe me for the very works' sake."

The concluding testimony presented to us is the witness of the Word of God that He is the Son of God. Both in His life and in His death Christ fulfilled perfectly the prophetic scriptures concerning Himself. Throughout the book we find these words—"that the Scripture might be fulfilled." No one but the Son of God could have fulfilled so fully and so minutely the prophetic scriptures.

Thus the deity of Jesus Christ is attested by God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit; it is attested by the men among whom He lived and died; it is attested by the works which He performed in the presence of men; and it is attested by the Word of God which shall stand forever. What further testimony could be required to make men believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God? There has never before been such an affirmation of the genuineness of a single claim. Why is it so important that this claim be proven true? It is because all the issues of **your** life and **your** eternity rest in **your** answer to the question—"Do **you** believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." These testimonies are given that **you** might believe and that through believing **you** might have life. Will **you** not believe the manifold testimony that has been given and receive eternal life for **yourself**?

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#### SCOTCH PREACHER'S PRAYER:

"O Lord, guide us aright, for we are verra, verra determined."

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# Fellowship

## Circle

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### JUNIOR ALUMNI

Deborah Ann arrived on Jan. 21, 1948 to gladden the hearts and home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Warner, Jackson, Michigan. Mr. Warner is in his second year at the Bible Institute taking the Bachelor of Bible Course.

On February 2, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Reifel ('45) reported the safe arrival in Nigeria, West Africa of Earl Lawayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Shoemaker, Eldena, Illinois, announce a new member in their family, Ralph William, who arrived on February 16, at the Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Mr. Shoemaker spent two years at Nyack and is now a senior at the Bible Institute.

We covet your prayers for these little ones and for their parents, into whose hands the Lord has committed their keeping.

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### WEDDING

Miss LaVaun Augsburg ('45) of Bluffton, Ohio, was married to Dale Altman on December the 25th, 1947, by the Reverend Clayton D. Steiner, pastor of the First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne. Mr. and Mrs. Altman are making their home in Findlay, Ohio. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Altman was a missionary under the Youth Home Missions.

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### ALUMNI VISITORS

Rev. Ralph Wolford and wife, who are pastoring the Christian

Union Church, Sante Fe, Ohio, on January 27. Rev. Wolford was Chaplain of the Class of '47.

Miss Esther McCartney of Leo, Indiana, on January 28. Miss McCartney graduated with the class of '40.

Rev. Reginald Shepley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Warsaw, Indiana, was our chapel speaker on February the 5th. He graduated in 1919, and was on the faculty of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute in 1944 and '45.

A concert of Sacred Music was enjoyed by all who attended on February 18 to hear Al Zahlout, '39, and his "Singing Violin." Mrs. Zahlout accompanied him at the piano. The Zahlouts are making their home at Winona Lake, Ind.

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### FROM THE MAILBAG

Mrs. Helen Imler Blomquist, '47 is now teaching the first eight grades in a country school near Rockford, Illinois.

Miss Elda Amstutz, '21, wrote the following letter to Rev. Siemens:

"I'm out on an evangelistic tour with six Bible women and a nurse. One Hindu man said the other day, "Will you let us know when you have your 'festival day' so that we can come to see it all? We do not know your calendar day." (This refers to our Christmas.)

These are momentous days for India. There are grave thoughts in the hearts and minds of all, even though they had striven so hard for freedom. Hindu leaders are challenging and urging every Moslim and Christian to embrace Hinduism or perish. On the other hand Hindus are being urged to be kindly disposed to Christianity rather than to show any leniency to Mohammedanism. It behooves us to be in dead earnest for a harvest



of souls; so here is an S O S to you all to pray.

People are receiving us kindly. One man said, "It would not be in us to welcome you if we did not want to hear your message of the Christ."

How I thank God for sparing my life in Manila, where I so often cried for one more chance to preach the Gospel in the villages, and now I am here, just where I had longed to be five years ago, "holding forth the Word of Life." One young lad was asking night before last about baptism. One man says he is ready now any time with his family to take the step of baptism, even in spite of persecution. How we thank God for this fervent heart. **Pray for him."**

From Ecuador, S. A., comes the following letter from Dale, '43, and Vera, '44, Moser:

"... We enjoyed very much the conference report. We read it from kiver to kiver. Truly the Lord has been good to the Association. Progress was made on every front. It does us good to know what is going on in other places, else one is prone to feel that the battle is hopeless. We have some good friends among the extrangeros that are here in Limones. They are from Europe, but they help little to boost our morale. They know the people better than we do, and we are learning that the moral condition is so corrupted here that there is hardly any hope of changing it so that it will be noticed. However we are hoping that if it cannot be done so that the city will notice it, at least it will happen in a few hearts and then our labor will not have been in vain."

News from the Dominican Republic comes from Mrs. Helen Clark, '43.

"Greetings from Loma de Cabrera in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I believe that the Lord has definitely answered prayer in my behalf and little by little I have been feeling better.

We have been more encouraged in the work lately as it seems that much more interest is being shown. Several people have asked to buy Bibles and New Testaments, which is always a good sign. We are now having Sunday morning services, which were started mostly for our one convert and for a Christian boy who always walks several miles from the country, and also for our cook. It was more of a Bible study for them, but others have been coming in, too, and joined with us in this study.

Our one young convert needs much encouragement, for the teasing of his friends sometimes gets him down. He comes each Monday evening for special Bible study, for he is unable to read. Now he is learning some Bible verses by memory, which shows a big interest on his part.

Often on Sunday afternoons David goes by horseback into some of the country parts for services, and these are a real encouragement, for the people show a great interest. **We need to pray for more Holy Spirit conviction**, for so many people say that they are very interested in this new religion; but we need to see a change in their lives from a definite acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Mrs. Daniel Dyck, '45, underwent an appendectomy Friday, Feb. the 13th.

On January 5, 1948, Florence Cavender '35 wrote:

"Primarily, I am writing to re-

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# Opportunity knocks

"I wish I'd know more about the Bible!" How often you've said that! "But," you explained, "I never had a chance to go to Bible Institute." That settled it. Or did it?

To help people like yourself, the Fort Wayne Bible Institute has for some years conducted a School of Extension Study. Through the guidance of specially prepared manuals and texts, and the personal counsel of regular staff members, several hundred students have turned spare moments into profitable study, and have gained new skills as Christian workers.

Recently it was decided to enlarge the School of Extension Study by adding a number of courses to its

curriculum. Now the studies you may take by correspondence include: Old Testament Survey, in five parts: Gospel of Matthew; Gospel of John; The Acts; Biblical Theology, in four parts; Homiletics; Pastoral Theology; Christian Evidences; Personal Evangelism; Church History, in two parts; Christian Biography; and English Composition.

These are not flimsy, watered-down courses. They are equivalent to the work done in class in the Institute. And they carry the same amount of credit, and can be applied toward a diploma or a degree, in case you are later able to attend school. You will find them "meaty," challenging, helpful.

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**President . . .**

TENCE is on the side of my weakness, I need not worry; I need but trust.

But the God whom the Psalmist served was not an impersonal force permeating the universe, as some moderns think. That kind of a god would be of little help to me. I want to know: Is God a living person? Is He alert to my needs? Does He take notice of my struggles, my temptations, the enemies of my soul? Yes, "He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." The eye that notes the sparrow's fall watches constantly over His own.

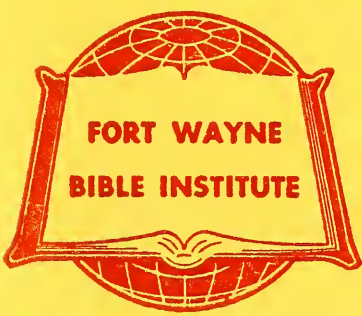
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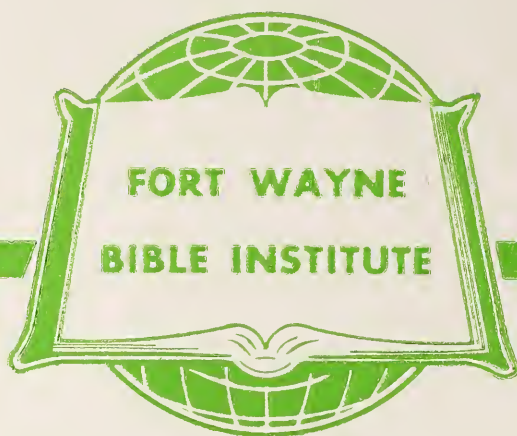
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